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Commissioner
Food and Drug Administration
5600 Fishers Lane, Room 1471
Rockville, MD 20857

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Dear Commissioner:

Recently you received four claims supporting the benefits of nutritional supplements.

I am in favor of the FDA promptly approving those claims filed for saw palmetto and the symptoms of benign prostatic hyperplasia; psyllium husk seeds and the risk of heart disease; folic acid, vitamin B6 and vitamin B12 and cardiovascular disease; and vitamin E and the risk of cardiovascular disease.

I urge the FDA to allow nutritional supplement manufacturers to provide labels on their products informing the public about the health benefits of their products. You should follow the recent Circuit Court of Appeals ruling that the FDA's censorship of the nutritional supplement industry is both illegal and a violation of the constitutional guarantee of free speech and press.

Your immediate attention to this matter is requested.

Sincerely,

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